



SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
4th Sunday of Lent
March 19, 2023

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“Do you believe in
the Son of Man?”

JOHN 9:35B

Week at a Glance

| | | | Intention | Requested By |
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| Monday, March 20 | Morning Mass | 8:30 am | Herbert & Mary Schrack Special Intention | |
| Tuesday, March 21 | Morning Mass | 8:30 am | Art & Pat Beckman | The Konstant Family |
| Wednesday, March 22 | Morning Mass | 8:30 am | Bernice Mary Wozny | Lynnea Paul |
| Thursday, March 23 | Rosary Adoration | 8:15 am 6:00 pm | | |
| Friday, March 24 | Morning Mass | 8:30 am | David H. Wills | Rich & Sheila Hayes |
| Saturday, March 25 | Mass | 8:30 am | People of the Parish | |
| | Reconciliation | 9:00 am | | |
| | Mass | 5:00 pm | Frederick Paul Neuman, Jr. | Lynnea & Amanda Paul |
| Sunday, March 26 5th Sunday of Lent | Mass | 7:30 am | People of the Parish | |
| | Mass | 9:00 am | Jerri Strait | Bob Strait & Family |
| | Mass | 11:00 am | People of the Parish | |
| | Mass | 5:00 pm | People of the Parish | |

Presider's Schedule for March 18-19, 2023

5:00 pm Fr. Milek

7:30 am Fr. Tkachuk

9:00 am Fr. Milek

11:00 am Fr. Tkachuk

5:00 pm Fr. Milek

Please pray for . . .

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| John Amato | Theresa Kandall |
| John Baggio | Mark Kiley |
| Linda Bieniek | Lisa Massaro |
| Dick Callahan | Patrick Morgan |
| Michael Cannon | Gert Ogilvie |
| Jay Carroll | Jane O'Reilly |
| Chili Challender | Gregory Osowski |
| Laurie Coughlan | Karen Payne |
| Blake Donegan | Beth Pfluger |
| Victoria Donile | Geri Pfluger |
| Barbara Doyle | Lorelei Przybylski |
| Matthew Doyle | Madison Raupp |
| Lily Fielding | Anna Rose |
| Jim French | Santa Snieg |
| Kathy Gleason | Rita Mae Spearman |
| Lilli Gregory | John Stopka |
| Wilson Gregory | John Strougal |
| Angela Hill | Cynthia Szustak |
| Normad Hopp | Olivia Tarsney |
| Rose Ilo | Theresa Toher |
| Mary J. | Rose Wall |
| Jane Jacobsen | Liz Wilk |

To add a name to the prayer list for friends and relatives who are sick, please call the rectory at 708-352-0168. Know that our parish prays daily for the sick and the dying.

Born Into Eternal Life



Please remember in your prayers, those who have died, as well as their families:

Pat Callahan

Husband of Barb
Father of Patrick, Colleen, Therese,
Catherine, Margaret and John

John Cooney

Cousin of Bill Ritchie

Marge Reimann

Mother of Pat, Paul, Mary Therese,
Arch, Matt, Jean and Peter

Stations of the Cross



Join us every Friday at 7:45 am for Stations of the Cross.

Make a gift to the Sunday Offertory with this QR Code. Thank you for your support!



Pastor's Letter

"One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see."

John 9:25

A man who was born blind is questioned, again and again, about how he gained his sight. The man's neighbors insist that he must not be the same person as the one they knew. His parents refuse to get involved. The religious leaders insist that such a thing done on the sabbath must be sinful and throw the man out of the synagogue. Jesus seeks the man out and invites him to faith in Jesus as the Christ.

Have you ever judged someone's physical, mental, emotional, or financial hardship as "God's punishment"? Have you ever wished such punishment on someone who has hurt you or whom you decide is a "bad" person? How do you respond when someone you have known for years suddenly claims to have experienced a conversion, a change of heart? Do you question its validity? Do you insist that this cannot be God's doing, or possibly resent that God might in fact have done this?

Jesus challenges us at the midpoint of our Lenten journey to acknowledge the blindness in our own lives results from our judgments, resentments, or biases. *Missionary disciples* seek to better know their *own* blindness so that they might see. They rejoice when someone comes to know Jesus and embrace God's mercy. Am I willing to review my life in *this* moment, honestly and fearlessly; am I willing to "see" where I am blind? Am I willing to admit my need for God's healing; do I trust that God has already forgiven me? Each time I join others for Eucharist is an opportunity to admit my brokenness to God and be healed by saying "Amen" to Christ in the Eucharist. And when my sin has caused significant harm to myself, another, or the broader community, I am invited to confess this to the community in the person of a priest, who listens in confidence on behalf of all and assures me of God's forgiveness.

Cardinal Cupich created a stir last week by beginning his statement, "The Archdiocese of Chicago is not granting a general dispensation for the Memorial of St. Patrick from the obligation to abstain from meat on Fridays in Lent." *He went on to state* that Catholics *could* substitute "another form of penance or a significant act of charity that benefits the poor." Sadly, his first sentence became the headline and confused many.

At the 11:00 Mass this weekend, we pray the Second Scrutinies with and for Nick Gora, who seeks Baptism at the Easter Vigil; he is joined by Mariel Skoda, Christine Scioscia, Daniel Alcala, and Ruby de la Cruz, who will ask to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church that same night. *Nick and all of us* are invited to scrutinize our lives and seek healing for any blindness that might keep us from knowing God's love and mercy.

Our parish grouping offers **two opportunities for a communal celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation** this Lent to which *all* are invited. They are at St. Francis Xavier next Saturday, March 25, at 10:00 AM and at St. Cletus on Monday, March 27, at 7:00 PM. **Individual celebration** of the Sacrament will be available on Saturday mornings, March 25 and April 1, from 9:00-10:00 AM, but **not on April 8**. The Sacraments are celebrated only in emergency situations on Holy Saturday. May we all come to acknowledge our areas of blindness and ask the Lord to restore our sight. Let us pray that others come to feel God's love and our rejoicing when they do so.

Lenten Peace,

J. Bill

Reflection for the 4th Sunday in Lent

Liturgy Planning Team #4
Sara Quinn, Mark & Elizabeth Bauer

The blind man in today's Gospel was a great example of humility as he followed the direction of Jesus. In humility he trusted and was able to "see." There also was an element of faith; he listened to Christ; he believed Christ. Through this one man's faith, obedience, and trust, a multitude of people surely learned of who Christ was. God was glorified in this and through this incredible miracle. His faith is sealed later when Christ reveals himself plainly and he accepts and believes. We have so much to learn from the blind man in the Gospel; may we all pray and ask the Lord to grow in faith, humility, and obedience this Lenten season.

SHARE YOUR VOICE
SUPPORT OUR PARISH

It's official! The **Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey** is a great way to reflect on your own spiritual growth while helping our parish plan for the future.

Please help by completing the short, 10-15 minute survey as soon as possible. Visit catholicleaders.org/chicagodmi or scan the code below.

The link can also be found in Quicklinks on our website.

We will provide hard copies of the survey at the church doors.

The survey is available until **March 31** and will ask you to consider your spiritual growth and provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses are **anonymous** and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole.

We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

Don't miss this opportunity to be heard.

Thank you for helping our parish!



St. Vincent de Paul Collection March 18-19, 2023

Our St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) Ministry's mission is to financially assist parishioners and families and individuals in the LaGrange area when they encounter a financial hardship. In addition, we meet with our clients to help them avoid a similar situation in the future by discussing their circumstances and directing them to resources in the community. Since 2021, we have assisted 25-30 individuals with mortgage payments, rents, utility bills, school tuition, medical expenses and transportation. Furthermore, we provide food and gas gift cards to our Food Panty clients. We are grateful for your past contributions and hope you can continue to support our efforts.

To donate, <https://www.givecentral.org/location/218/category/1057/event/14286> or place your donation in an envelope marked "St. Vincent de Paul" and drop it off in the rectory mail slot. Thank you for your generosity!

A special thanks to our SVdP members who meet on the first Monday of the month.

To learn more about this ministry, please contact Pat Murphy ptmnrj2@yahoo.com.



Interested in Becoming a St. Francis Xavier School Advisory Board Member?

The St. Francis Xavier Parish School is one of the many wonderful ministries within the St. Francis Xavier Parish. We are fortunate to have an active School Advisory Board that works throughout the year on behalf of our school & parish community.

The purpose of the School Advisory Board is to:

- Advise school leadership on the policies which govern the operation of the School
- Review and advise on the annual budget and determine sources of funding for the School
- Provide counsel and advise on the operation of the School
- Participate in the school's development, student recruitment efforts, and long-range plans
- Assist in obtaining the goals and objectives of the St. Francis Xavier School Mission Statement
- Promote the School and support the School's public relations and marketing efforts

The Board currently consists of twelve members who each serve a three-year term. Each Board member serves on one of the following committees:

- Catholic Identity
- Marketing & Development
- Finance
- Strategic Planning



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* FINAL APPLICATION DEADLINE 3/31/2023 *

The St. Francis Xavier School Advisory Board is accepting applications for a three-year term on the Board. Wonder what it takes or how the process works? Below are some common questions people have about becoming a board member.

Common Questions:

Do you need to have experience on a board or have a career in education? NO, you do not need to have prior experience on a school board or experience in education to apply.

How much time is this commitment? We meet once per month plus 1-2 supplementary meetings each month. Expect approximately 6-8 hours per month.

Do you need to have a child at the school to apply? NO, we encourage parent (guardian) of a Religious Education student, young adult parishioners and alumna/us of SFX. Candidates need not be parents.

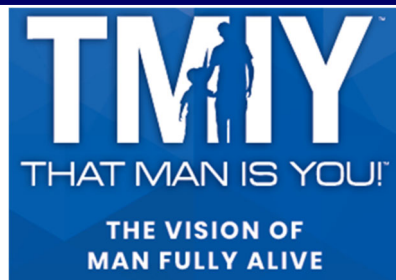
How does the application/selection process work? There is a one page application, a face-to-face meeting with the members of the Board and then the Board votes on the slate of applicants.

To receive an application or for more information regarding the application process and timing, **any interested parishioner or school parent (guardian)** can contact School Board selection committee members **Mike Stritch** at mstritch04@gmail.com (847) 922-7460, or **Stuart Smith** at ssmith@slaytonsearch.com (708) 837-8748. An application and more detailed information about the Board can be found on the St. Francis Xavier School Web site sfxlq.org/school under "Parent Resources".

Please remember that all submissions for candidacy are valued and will be reviewed.

Men of St. Francis Xavier Parish, are you looking for a more meaningful Lenten devotion this year?

Gather with other men of the parish for the Spring Semester of *The Vision of Man Fully Alive*. This program enables men to experience authentic freedom as sons of God. By living the three-fold mission of abiding presence, joyful service and loving sacrifice, our hearts and homes will experience the joy that God desires. To sustain us on this spiritual journey, we will be led directly to the three spiritual foods that Christ himself proclaims: The Eucharist, The Word of God, and The Will of God.



Meetings will be **Tuesday evenings at 8:00 PM in Unity Hall they started on February 21.**
Questions? Contact Ernie Froemel at ernie.froemel@gmail.com



The Chosen - Season 2

Wednesdays February 15–April 5
7:00-8:30pm
St. John of the Cross Parish Center

- WATCH an engaging episode of *The Chosen*
- LISTEN to others' thoughts and reactions
- SHARE when you feel comfortable

Register at www.stjohnofthecross.org/chosen

Co-sponsored by St. John of the Cross,
St. Cletus and St. Francis Xavier Parishes

Lent 2023

Began on February 22nd!



SFX Women's Retreat 2023 Lenten Offerings **"Loaves and Fishes"**

Lenten Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina means "divine reading" in Latin.

It's a meditative way of reading the Bible in which we attempt to let go of our own agendas, let the Spirit guide our understanding, and open ourselves up to what God is trying to say to us. Join us Tuesdays at 8:10-8:45 am (began on February 28th) in Unity Hall. Bringing your own Bible is encouraged, but not required.

Wednesday Morning Rosary

Women of all ages are invited to join us for this early morning rosary on Zoom. It starts at 7:15 and concludes by 7:45. It's a great way to start the day - and no need to get "camera ready" before you come. You are welcome just as you are!

Lenten Word & Communion Service

Join us Thursday mornings at 7:30 am during Lent for a special Word and Communion service, which will be led by the Women's Retreat 2023 team, but is open to all parishioners and friends. Start the day exploring what God is calling us to this Lent through dedicated time with God's Word and the Eucharist. All are welcome!

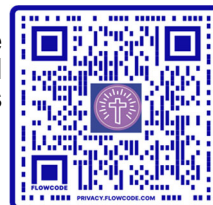
Adoration

Join us for a special time of Adoration, led by the SFX Women's Retreat 2023 team on Thursday, March 23, from 6:00-7:00 pm in the church. This time of adoration will offer sacred time with the Blessed Sacrament and opportunities to engage in quiet prayer in a variety of ways. All will find a way connect with Jesus in this sacred time set apart just for Him.

Bread Baking Class

Join in an online bread making class as we approach Holy Thursday and remember the sacred breaking of bread on Saturday, March 25th at 1:00 pm. Get your ingredients and join via Zoom from your own kitchen or gather with a few friends to share in this hands on class, hosted by Lee Egan (FeedMeGuideMe). Sign up to get details and Zoom link.

[Click here to sign up!](#)



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Devote Time with God

Share Talent

Give Treasure

Your Gift, God's Hands

Sunday Offertory Report

This year through February 2023: \$1,186,474
Last year through February 2022: \$1,205,403

Annual Offertory Budget: \$1,833,000

Our parish is a lively one - blessed to have beautiful facilities that can host so many wonderful events throughout the year. In fact, during January and February alone, the school and parish hosted:

- Teen Nights
- Adult Comedy Night
- Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
- Catholic School Open House
- Women of the Diaconate Meetings
- Combined School Band Concert
- Fortnightly Dance Lessons
- Boy Scouts Pinewood Derby
- New Parishioner Welcome Reception
- Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee
- Scripture Study
- RCIA Formation Nights
- Church League basketball
- Children's Theatre Night, presenting HONK!

Each of these events requires significant planning and execution from our Facilities staff. The coordination of each event requires a keen attention to detail and a willingness to be flexible in order to meet often-changing needs. Our staff ensures the space is meticulously cleaned both before and after the event, that all tables and chairs are set up and taken down, along with securing any needed audio visual equipment required to help make the event run smoothly. They are also onsite for many of these events, and make themselves available should anything come up. All of this is done in addition to the day-to-day maintenance and operational needs of our church, rectory and elementary school.

Antonio Franceschi, our Facilities Manager, leads a team of four including Ed Crofton, Dan Sullivan, Arturo Lopez and Antonio Franceschi, Jr. It's through their dedication and hard work that these vital parish activities happen so seamlessly. Antonio shared, "We have a unique vantage point, as we are involved in the execution of so many parish offerings and activities. Our team is always met with such kindness and appreciation from the volunteers and we enjoy having the opportunity to witness so many different aspects of parish life here at SFX."

It's through your support that our Facilities Staff can continue to ensure our church, school and event spaces remain as vibrant as our parishioners! Thank you!



The Facilities Staff was instrumental for the parish as we hosted a winter band concert, which included students from SFX, St. Cletus, St. Christopher, and St. Barnabas.

Religious Education News



*Registration for our 2023- 2024
K – 8 Religious Education Program
is now open (as of 3/18/23)!*

We are happy to be able to offer two options to families for the 2023-2024 school year.

In person bi-monthly grade level program held on Sunday Mornings and Wednesday afternoons and our virtual asynchronous grade level program with lessons being released bi-monthly on Sundays for families with busy schedules.

Families are strongly encouraged to also attend Mass at least twice a month and will receive a separate weekly Google form to complete for “car ride” home liturgy discussions in our Weekly Parent Newsletter.

Please don't delay in registering your children today as classes fill up fast!

Families who register by April 23rd will be entered into a raffle for free tuition. The drawing will take place at our last class in person event on April 30th. You must be present at the event to win!

Visit our website for complete information on

registration, tuition and calendar:

<https://www.sfxlg.org/vnews/display.v/SEC/Religious%20Education>.

Click the quick link “RE Registration Information for 2023-2024” on the left-hand side of the page to register.



SAVE THE DATE!

Come help us celebrate the ending to a great 2022-2023 Religious Education School Year!

Sunday, April 30, 2023

12:30PM-2:30PM in
The Education Building
Parking Lot

**RAINBOW
ICE CREAM
TRUCK**

IS COMING TO SFX!

10% of sales that day will be donated back to our Religious Education Program!

PS3, PK4 & K Parents, Please join us for...

*Coffee and Conversation**

Principal's Early Childhood Coffee
with Mrs. Garcia

* There will be a short curriculum presentation by our Pre-K 4 teachers



Where: **Unity Hall**

Please enter through Main
School Doors on Waiola

When: **Thursday**

April 27th

8:30 - 9:30am

St. Francis Xavier Church Holy Week Services 2023

Palm Sunday—April 2nd

Masses at 5:00 pm Saturday
and Sunday at
7:30, 9:00, 11:00 am and 5:00 pm

Wednesday—April 5th

Tenebrae 7:00 pm
Church open until 9:00 pm

Holy Thursday—April 6th

Morning Prayer 8:30 am/Living Stations 9:00 am
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 pm
Church open until 10:00 pm

Good Friday—April 7th

Morning Prayer 8:30 am
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 3:00 and 7:00 pm

Holy Saturday—April 8th

Morning Prayer 8:30 am
Blessing of Easter Food Baskets 1:00 pm
Easter Vigil Mass 8:00 pm
(No 5:00 pm Mass)

Easter Sunday—April 9th

Masses at 7:30, 9:00* and 11:00 am Church
Masses at 9:15 and 11:15 am SFX School Gym
(No 5:00 pm Mass)

*This mass will be live-streamed.

Join Us For An Evening of Prayer & Reflection



Theme: Appropriating the Spirit of Christ:

"And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you." Romans 6:10-11

March 29 from 7:00-8:30 pm
St. Cletus Parish
600 West 55th Street
LaGrange

Special Guest Speaker:
Fr. Anthony Muraya, STL, PhD

Prayer Shawl Ministry



The Prayer Shawl Ministry at St. Francis Xavier began in 2005. Members knit and/or crochet shawls and lap blankets. They work with their hands and the kindness of their hearts to provide comfort and strength to those needing this support. These handmade gifts are available to anyone who reaches out to the rectory staff and mentions they would like to have a prayer shawl or lap blanket.

We welcome new members with open arms. New members are required to have basic knitting or crocheting skills.

Our scheduled meetings for early 2023 will be from 7:00-8:00 PM in Unity Hall on the following dates:

Wednesday, April 12 and Thursday, May 11.

Any questions, please contact Mary Ellyn Witt at mewittlagrange@yahoo.com.



The Well Spirituality Center 1515 Ogden Avenue in LaGrange Park to register or find out more go to www.csjthewell.org or call 708-482-5048.

What's Soil Got To Do With It?

On Tuesday, March 28 from 6:30-8:00 pm In-person or on Zoom with Facilitator Dr. Elaine Ingham. If you love to grow vegetables (or gardens of any sort), wouldn't it be good to know what's needed for healthy soil? What is healthy for soil is healthy for our bodies. Hear how ordinary people are helping to create a healthier ecosystem by growing food with nature instead of fighting against it. To register csjthewell.org/programs/whats-soil-got/.

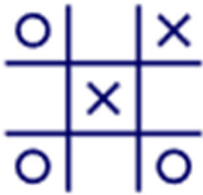
SAVE THE DATE!

ALL PARISH SERVICE DAY
SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2023

Shelter Homeless Feed Hungry Bury Dead
Clothe Naked Care for Sick Visit Imprisoned

All Parish Service Day 2023

If you have questions, ideas, or would like to lead an outreach team, please contact:
Mary Freeman, Dir. Of Community Outreach
mfreeman@sfxlg.org or 708-352-0168.



Engage Community March Event Game Night

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, March 29th for a board game/card night.

Where: Unity Hall at St. Francis Xavier, 124 North Spring Avenue, LaGrange.

When: 7:00-8:30 pm on March 29

Who: All are welcome. Engage focuses on adults over 50 single, married, divorced, widowed, parishioners and visitors to foster Christian community through social and service events.

What: Bring your favorite board game or a deck of cards. You may also bring carpet-friendly snacks or a beverage to share (no red wine).

RSVPs are encouraged.

For questions or to RSVP, please email Jane at janeLGPark@gmail.com Community events are scheduled for the last Wednesday of the month.

SFX MEN'S CLUB

Get involved in the parish – we need your help!

Monthly meetings on the
1st Tuesday of the month!

Next meeting is Tuesday, April 4

Contact Matt Hubert at mthubert@gmail.com
or Jack Horrigan at jfhorrigan@gmail.com
for more information.

CHRIST
our light

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Please Pray For...all those Serving Overseas in the Military including:

- **Staff Sgt. Bryan Pickens, U.S. Army Airborne Ranger 1-75th Ranger Battalion RGR REGT—**
son of Rob & Bernadette Pickens and brother of Robert & Gabriel
- **Lt. Commander Jonathan Devitt Brown, U.S. Navy—**nephew of the Devitt Family
- **LCPL Gregory Allen, USMC—**nephew of Barbara Triggs & Anthony Anscombe
- **Kevin Peterson, U.S. Army Infantry, Major Marcos Melendez, USMC and Major Michelle Melendez, USMC—**
son, nephew and niece of Jon Peterson
- **Staff Sgt. Nolan Kemna, USMC—**nephew of John & Linda Hill
- **Phil Lukanich, U.S. Navy & Lt. M. Ryan Lukanich, U.S. Army—**husband and brother-in-law of Joanna and
sons of Mark & Martie Lukanich
- **Staff Sgt. Scott Blunk—**husband of Brianne and son-in-law of Maureen Becker
- **Lt. Daniel McGue—**grandson of Sue Ryan
- **Lt. Col. Jeremy Hutchins, USAF—**brother-in-law of Valerie & Michael Schierl
- **Capt. Colt Marcyan, USMC—**nephew of Noel Cusack
- **Private Jerry Delgado, U.S. Army—**friend of Liz Wilk
- **Spec Timothy Lucas U.S. Army—**nephew of Rosemary and Sr. Kathleen Lucas, and Kate & Beau Medlock
- **Chris Johnson, USCG—**nephew of Judi Kudlacz and grandson of Jerry & Nancy Johnson
- **Dominic James Greco, U.S. Navy—**nephew of Rita Pantoni
- **Major Meghan Cumpston, U.S. Army—**cousin of Lauren Schultz
- **Airman Jeffrey Niemiec, USAF—**nephew of Nancy & Harry Devereux
- **Sgt. Rob Parisi, U.S. Army 7ATC—**son of Chuck and Kathi Parisi, Brother of Caitlin & Jack and Grandson of Robert J. Lynch
- **Lt. Brendan Short, U.S. Army Airborne—**nephew of Don & Rita Baumgart
- **Colonel Jessica Nichol, USAF—**daughter-in-law of Tom & Lucile Nichol
- **Capt. Jack Albertini, USMC—**son of Bob & Susan Albertini

**Please inform us of those serving Overseas in the Military...
and please let us know when friends and loved ones
return from their deployment Overseas.
Email the bulletineditor@sfxlg.org.**

St. Francis Xavier Personnel

Pastoral Ministry

Pastor
Associate Pastor
Deacon
Deacon
Pastoral Associate
Director of Community Outreach
Retired Weekend Sacramental Minister
Weekend Sacramental Minister

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Rectory Hours

Monday-Friday.....8:30 am-7:30 pm
Saturday.....9:00 am-12:00 pm

Weekday Masses at St. Francis Xavier Church

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 8:30 am

Rosary at St. Francis Xavier Church

Thursday 8:15 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every 3rd Thursday 6:00-7:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday morning.....9:00-10:00 am
The Reconciliation room is located off the walkway behind the tabernacle prayer area.

Private Prayer at Neighboring Churches

St. Cletus (Monday - Friday).....9:00 am-12:00 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesdays at St. Cletus

St. John of the Cross (Monday - Saturday).....8:00 -10:00 am

Bulletin Deadline

The deadline for submitting all bulletin articles is 9:00 am on the Monday preceding the Sunday of publication. If a holiday falls on a Monday, articles are due by 12:00 Noon on the previous Thursday. Please email all articles to the bulletineditor@sfxlg.org.

Domestic Violence Resources

Family Shelter Services—24 hr. counseling 630-469-5650
LaGrange Police Emergency Assistance 911 or 708-579-2354

Food Pantry

The St. Francis Food Pantry is open every Tuesday from 10:00 to 11:30 am. The pantry serves clients who live in the 60525 and 60526 zip codes. Donation drop off Mondays 9:00 am-Noon at South door of rectory.

Home or Hospital Visitation & Communion Calls

If you would like a priest or Minister of Care to visit, please contact the Parish Office directly. In the case of hospitalization, specifically request that the hospital contact the parish. Hospitals do not routinely inform churches of admissions due to Privacy Laws.

Infant Baptisms

Please call the Parish Office to schedule your child's baptism or email Missy Westerhoff at sfxinlg@sfxlg.org to schedule a date.

Marriage

Please call the rectory office at the time of your engagement to schedule your wedding. We ask that you are a registered parishioner for 6 months before requesting your wedding date. Saturday wedding times are 1:00 and 3:00 pm. Rehearsals are usually scheduled on Friday evening. We do not schedule weddings during Lent.

Parish Counselor

At this time, our counseling sessions will be virtual/online.

All counseling services are confidential and respectful. If you are curious about self-exploration, need help managing your mood and anxiety, long for a quiet and safe space, or feel the need to recalibrate, consider making an appointment, with our parish counselor, BC Shelly, from the Claret Center. He can be reached by phone 704-750-0686 or email bc.shelly.claret@gmail.com.